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Patent Claims

1. Method of determining and furnishing wireless
signals and data of wireless signals receivable at the
actual receiving location using location data in a
broadcast system in which receiving locations in a
receiving area are served by one or more transmitters,
characterized by the fact
that for determining data about wireless signals
receivable at the actual receiving location first lists
(A) are used which contain data about wireless signals
which are in principle receivable in a receiving area
served by one or more transmitters whereby in the lists
(A) one or more indicia are allotted to the data about
the wireless signals transmitted by each transmitter, and
that for the selection from the first lists (A) of all
wireless signals and data about these wireless signals
second local lists (B) are used which contain for one
partial area each of the receiving areas the indicia
allotted to the data about the wireless signals
receivable in the given partial area, and that on the
basis of the furnished data a wireless signal selected by
the user is furnished directly from all wireless signals
receivable at the actual receiving location.

2. The method in accordance with claim 1,
characterized by the fact
that the location coordinates of the actual receiving
location are determined and used as the location data.

3.   The method in accordance with ~~one of~~ claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized by the fact
that the data are determined on the basis of wireless
signals which are reliably receivable at the actual
receiving location.

4.   The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 3,
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals are in
principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or
more transmitters are transmitted by the transmitters.

5.   The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 4,~~ claim 1
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals are in
principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or
more transmitters is stored in the receiver.

6.   The method in accordance with claim 5,
characterized by the fact
that upon changes of the wireless signals in principle
receivable in a receiving area served by one or more
transmitters only those of the data stored in the
receiver are exchanged which are effected by the changes.

7.   The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 6,~~ claim 1
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals of the lists
(A) are receivable in dependence of the actual receiving
location (lists B) are transmitted by the transmitters.

8.   The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 7,
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals of the lists
(A) are receivable in dependence of the actual receiving
location (lists B) are stored in the receiver.

9. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 8, characterized by the fact

that at a change in the receiving location only the data valid at the actual receiving location are changed in the memory which differ from the data which was valid at the next preceding receiving station.

10. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim, characterized by the fact

that the data (lists A) about which wireless signals are in principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or more transmitters are actualized once in a transmission cycle, whereas data (lists B) about which wireless signals are receivable in dependence of any actual receiving location are actualized more often.

11. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim, characterized by the fact

that the local lists (B) which for any partial area of the receiving area contain the indicia allotted to the data about the wireless signals receivable in the given partial area are compiled into a single list.

12. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 11, characterized by the fact

that the local list (B) valid for the actual receiving location is determined with local data about the actual receiving location from the local lists (B) and that the data about all wireless signals receivable at the actual receiving location is selected on the basis thereof from the lists (A).

13. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim, characterized by the fact

that individual numbers are allotted as indicia to the data about which wireless signal are in principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or more

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transmitters (lists A) and that the local lists are
compiled from sequences of these numbers.

14. The method in accordance with claim 13,
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals are in
principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or
more transmitters (lists A) are transmitted by the
transmitters and/or are stored in the receiver, together
with the allotted numbers.

15. The method in accordance ~~one of claims 13 or 14~~, claim 13
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals of the list
(A) are receivable in dependance of the actual receiving
location (lists B) are transmitted by the transmitters
and/or stored in the receiver as sequences of numbers.

16. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 15~~, claim 1
characterized by the fact
that the data about which wireless signals are in
principle receivable in a receiving area served by one or
more transmitters (lists A) as well as the data which
wireless signals of lists (A) are receivable in
dependence of the actual receiving location (lists B), do
not only contain the currently received frequency band or
the currently received channel or frequency block but
also other frequency bands, channels or frequency blocks.

17. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ 16, claim
characterized by the fact
that identification signals about transmitter locations
transmitted by the transmitters (and/or) phase comparison
hyperbola methods are used for at least approximatingly
determining the actual receiving location.

18. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ 17, claim

characterized by the fact
that a method in accordance with satellite navigation is
used for determining the actual receiving location.

19. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to 18~~ claim 16,
characterized by the fact
that at every location within a partial area allotted to
a local list (B) of the receiving area served by one or
more transmitters the same receivable wireless signals
are receivable.

20. The method in accordance with claim 19,
characterized by the fact
that for an actual receiving location in a partial area
the data about wireless signals (lists B) which are
receivable in this partial area or in the adjoining areas
are transmitted by the transmitters and/or stored in the
receiver at the actual receiving location.

21. The method in accordance with claim 20,
characterized by the fact
that at a change to a receiving location in an adjoining
partial area the data about wireless signals (lists B)
receivable in the newly added partial areas are stored in
the memory and the data about receivable wireless signals
in the partial areas which relative to the new receiving
location are no longer adjoining areas are erased.

22. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 21,
characterized by the fact
that for a faster exchange of the data in the memory data
regarding the direction of travel is consulted as advance
data even before arriving at the new receiving location.

23. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 22,
characterized by the fact
that in a broadcast system, particularly in a common

frequency system, the wireless signals include at least
the receivable program signals and/or program varieties
and/or transmitters.

24. The method in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 23,
characterized by the fact
that the data about the wireless signals in principle
receivable in a receiving area served by one or more
transmitters are compiled and utilized in a single list
(A).

25. Receiver for practicing the method in accordance
with ~~one of claims 1 to 24~~, claim 1
characterized by the fact
that the receiver comprises a circuit unit for the
automatic and/or user controlled determination of local
data about the actual receiving location and that,
furthermore, in the receiver there is provided a memory
in which for the actual receiving location in a partial
area the data about all wireless signals (lists B) which
are receivable at least in this partial area are
storable, and that the receiver furthermore comprises a
control unit, whereby, on the basis of local data and the
data (lists B), the control unit selects from the first
memory all data valid for the actual receiving location
about receivable wireless signals from the lists (A), and
that these data from the lists (A) valid for the actual
receiving area are put at the disposal of the user for
his selection by a indicator unit which is part of the
receiver.

26. The receiver in accordance with claim 25,
characterized by the fact
that the control unit determines the local list (B) valid
for the actual receiving location on the basis of the
local data from the lists (B) and selects the data about
receivable wireless signals valid for the actual

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receiving location from the lists (A) on the basis of this valid local list (B).

27. The receiver in accordance with ~~one of claims 25 to 26~~, claim 25

characterized by the fact
the memory is a random access memory (RAM).

28. The receiver in accordance with ~~one of claims 25 to 27~~, claim 25

characterized by the fact
that the receiver comprises an antenna arrangement and/or a further memory, to receive the data about wireless signals which are in principle receivable (lists A) in a receiving area served by one or more transmitters or to read them into a further memory, especially a bulk memory.

29. The receiver in accordance with ~~one of claims 25 to 28~~, claim 25

characterized by the fact
the indicator unit is controllable by the user and comprises an optical indicator and/or an acoustic message.